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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a nonprofit organization energy efficiency
2 grant program, making an appropriation, and including
3 effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 15.108, subsection 9, paragraph g, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 g. Administer the Iowa energy center established in section
4 15.120. ~~This paragraph "g" is repealed July 1, 2022.~~

5 Sec. 2. REPEAL. Section 15.120, subsection 5, Code 2022,
6 is repealed.

7 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **266.39D Nonprofit organization energy**
8 **efficiency grant program.**

9 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
10 requires:

11 a. *"Energy efficiency improvement"* means an installed
12 measure, including a product, equipment, system, service, or
13 practice that is intended to reduce energy consumption or
14 energy costs, or both, or to allow the use of alternative and
15 renewable energy. The term *"energy efficiency improvement"*
16 shall include any of the following measures:

17 (1) Repairing, replacing, or installing a roof or lighting
18 system, window, door, or heating, ventilation, or air
19 conditioning system, including improvements needed to serve a
20 more energy efficient system.

21 (2) Installing a renewable energy generation or heating
22 system, including a solar, photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, or
23 biomass system.

24 (3) Modernizing, renovating, or repairing a building to
25 make the building more energy efficient.

26 b. *"Nonprofit organization"* means an organization exempt
27 from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the
28 Internal Revenue Code.

29 2. The Iowa energy center created under section 266.39C
30 shall use funds appropriated by the general assembly to
31 establish and administer a nonprofit organization energy
32 efficiency grant program to award grants for the purpose of
33 financing energy efficiency improvements to buildings owned and
34 operated by a nonprofit organization.

35 3. A nonprofit organization may apply to the Iowa energy

1 center for a grant under this section by filing a completed
2 application. The Iowa energy center shall develop a form for
3 a grant application. The Iowa energy center shall establish
4 standards and criteria to award grants, which shall include the
5 following:

6 *a.* The estimated energy savings to be achieved.

7 *b.* The estimated cost-effectiveness of the energy efficiency
8 improvement.

9 *c.* Other performance-based standards and criteria deemed
10 appropriate by the Iowa energy center.

11 *d.* An effective plan for evaluation, measurement, and
12 verification of energy savings.

13 *e.* The financial need of the nonprofit organization.

14 *f.* The availability of matching funds.

15 4. A grant awarded under this section shall not exceed the
16 lesser of one hundred thousand dollars or an amount equal to
17 fifty percent of the estimated cost of the proposed energy
18 efficiency improvement.

19 Sec. 4. Section 476.1A, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
20 2022, is amended to read as follows:

21 *e.* Assessment of fees for the support of the Iowa energy
22 center created in [section 15.120](#) and the center for global and
23 regional environmental research established by the state board
24 of regents. ~~This paragraph "e" is repealed July 1, 2022.~~

25 Sec. 5. Section 476.1B, subsection 1, paragraph j, Code
26 2022, is amended to read as follows:

27 *j.* Assessment of fees for the support of the Iowa energy
28 center created in [section 15.120](#) and the center for global and
29 regional environmental research created by the state board of
30 regents. ~~This paragraph "j" is repealed July 1, 2022.~~

31 Sec. 6. Section 476.1C, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
32 2022, is amended to read as follows:

33 *b.* Shall be subject to the assessment of fees for the
34 support of the Iowa energy center created in [section 15.120](#)
35 and the center for global and regional environmental research

1 created by the state board of regents. ~~This paragraph "b" is~~
2 ~~repealed July 1, 2022.~~

3 Sec. 7. Section 476.10A, subsection 1, paragraph c,
4 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (d), Code 2022, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (d) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and
7 succeeding fiscal years, the first three million five
8 hundred thirty thousand dollars of such remittances shall be
9 transferred to the general fund of the state, and the remaining
10 amount is appropriated to the Iowa energy center created in
11 section 15.120.

12 Sec. 8. REPEAL. Section 476.10A, subsection 4, Code 2022,
13 is repealed.

14 Sec. 9. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
15 general fund of the state to the Iowa energy center for the
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023,
17 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
18 used for the purposes designated:

19 For establishing and administering the nonprofit
20 organization energy efficiency grant program and for awarding
21 grants under the program:

22 \$ 1,000,000

23 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
24 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
25 of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the
26 state but shall remain available to be used for the purposes
27 designated.

28 Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
29 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill requires the Iowa energy center to create a
34 nonprofit organization energy efficiency grant program to
35 award grants for the purpose of financing energy efficiency

1 improvements to buildings owned and operated by nonprofit
2 organizations.

3 The bill defines "energy efficiency improvement" to mean an
4 installed measure that is intended to reduce energy consumption
5 or costs, or both, or to allow the use of alternative
6 and renewable energy, including repairing, replacing, or
7 installing a roof or lighting system, window, door, or heating,
8 ventilation, or air conditioning system, a renewable energy
9 generation or heating system, or a measure taken to make the
10 building more energy efficient. The bill defines "nonprofit
11 organization" to mean an organization exempt from federal
12 income taxation.

13 The bill requires the Iowa energy center to establish
14 appropriate performance-based standards and criteria to approve
15 grants, including the estimated energy savings achieved, the
16 estimated cost-effectiveness of the improvement, the plan
17 for evaluating, measuring, and verifying energy savings,
18 the financial need of the nonprofit organization, and the
19 availability of matching funds. The bill restricts a grant
20 awarded under the program to the lesser of \$100,000 or 50
21 percent of the proposed energy efficiency improvements.

22 The bill appropriates \$1 million to the Iowa energy center
23 for FY 2022-2023 for the purpose of implementing the nonprofit
24 organization energy efficiency grant program. The moneys
25 appropriated in the bill are not subject to reversion to the
26 general fund of the state at the end of the fiscal year.

27 The bill repeals the sunset provision of the Iowa energy
28 center established in Code section 15.120. Current law repeals
29 the Iowa energy center on July 1, 2022. The bill extends
30 specified funding sources for the Iowa energy center and the
31 center for global and regional environmental research and
32 makes conforming amendments. The bill provides that the first
33 \$3.53 million of specified remittances from gas and electric
34 utilities are appropriated to the general fund of the state
35 with the remaining remittances transferred to the Iowa energy

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1 center. Currently, this provision applies for the fiscal year
2 2021-2022.